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Drew DeLong, Morgan Doering, Brodi Fidelak, Tessa Snyder, Wyatt Taylor, Cheyenne Windsor and Kelly Windsor perform to "Golden Rings" during the Didsbury Figure Skating Club's skating carnival held at the Didsbury Memorial Arena last Sunday. More pictures on page 6.

Provincial Education Property Tax rises by 10.2 per cent in Didsbury Town councillors and administration show 'displeasure' with inflated number

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
 Review Staff

The recent announcement that Didsbury taxpayers will shell out 10.2 per cent more in education taxes this year over last has town council crying foul, as preliminary budget figures have already been decided.

The Education Property Tax rate differs among municipalities within Mountain View County, with the county's average increasing by 8.2 per cent from 2011's.

Didsbury's increase is the third-highest in the county, following behind Sundre's 10.8 per cent increase and

Carstairs' 12 per cent increase.

Municipalities do not set the Education Property Tax, as it is provincially mandated.

Didsbury's increase is four times more than the 2.5 per cent increase in property taxes the town had proposed for 2012.

"When council set that town increase, it required council to use a sharp knife to whittle things down, the reason being that the town [residents] could only afford so many dollars," said Chief Administrative Officer Roy Brown. "[This tax] is over four times higher than ours."

Mayor Brian Wittal, who was away during the time

of the council meeting, was not available for comment, but Brown had been present with Wittal upon receiving the Education Property Tax news when it had been announced prior to the meeting.

"In discussion with the mayor, there was expressing of frustration with this level of increase in one year," said Brown.

"Who do we complain to? Who do we show we are displeased? It is not fair to the residents of Didsbury."

Each year the province calculates the amount each municipality must contribute towards the provincial public education system.

This amount is based on an assessment value.

Municipalities collect this property tax and forward it to the province, where it is deposited into the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF).

The Education Property Tax that is pooled into the ASFF is then distributed among Alberta's public and separate school boards on an equal per-student basis.

The provincial education requisition is \$1.979 billion for the 2012/2013 fiscal year, which is an increase of 6.4 per cent from the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

The formula for calculating each municipality's 2012 requisition is based on

the least of a 12 per cent requisition cap, and a four-year average of equalized assessments (2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012), or a municipality's 2012 equalized assessment.

Council said they felt that a potential lack of education on the matter would incite confusion with Didsbury residents, who may not understand how the tax works, and that it is not the doing of the town when they receive their bills.

"Because we collect the money, it is, in part and in parcel, ours, when in fact is has nothing to do with us," said Deputy Mayor Lavar Adams on possible community misconceptions

about the tax, adding, "We can bend over backwards, sharpening our pencils to keep our rate down, and then this happens."

"This is going to make our taxes look like they are through the roof," said Coun. Gayle Veno. "We need to try to get as many people to understand that we are raising x amount, and the province is raising 10.2 per cent."

Councillors motioned to have Mayor Brian Wittal write a column regarding the Education Property Tax upon his return, as well as direct administration to express displeasure to the minister and deputy minister of education, the AUMA, and the premier.



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Shelby Cummings walks, and dances, her leg of the relay with friends and family.

CELEBRATING A GREAT CAUSE

Town comes together for Rick Hansen Relay

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Town of Didsbury came together to celebrate a great cause and several outstanding residents during the 25th Annual Rick Hansen Relay.

The relay, held on Feb. 29, celebrated Rick Hansen's original Man in Motion World Tour, which would later lead to the creation of the Rick Hansen Foundation and their cause to raise awareness of the potential of people with disabilities, accelerate progress in building inclusive communities and achieve breakthroughs in spinal cord injury research.

Five Didsbury residents were selected to take part in the relay and be special "medal bearers" during their run through town, which began on the west side of Didsbury High School and proceeded into the downtown to the Train Station.

Medal bearers, picked for their outstanding work in the community, were Leanna Jacobson, Elaine McCoy, Shelby Cummings, Darlene Samek and Tara McAdam.

One student from Didsbury High School, Cody Dolan, was also chosen to be a medal bearer in the relay.

Dolan was selected by a school vote to participate in the relay. "Students got to vote for someone who had overcome adversity," said Garth Dagg, principal of Didsbury High School. "When I first came here, Cody was in Grade 8 and battling cancer."

Dolan had lost the lower half of his leg from the illness, but Dagg says his academic work is excellent and he has goals of entering the medical field after graduation.

"We are very proud to have Cody represent us," said Dagg.

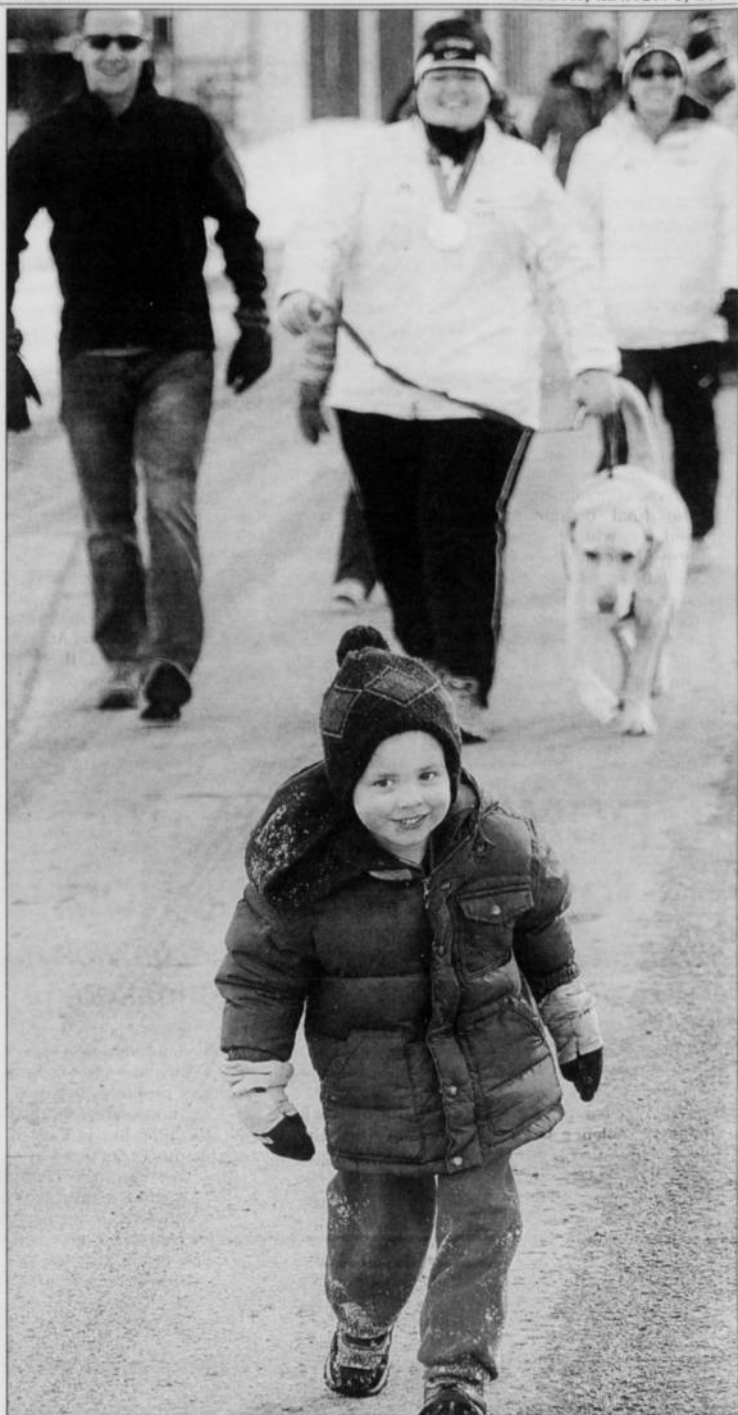
The town supplied hot chocolate and cookies for

those who came out to watch the relay, and high school volunteers helped with setting up the booths and stands and distributing the goodies.

Stefanie Halfyard, event and facility co-ordinator with the Town of Didsbury, who had appeared for Lesley Bannister, one of the town event organizers for the relay, said the positive energy from those who came to watch was "very powerful".

"It was a moment in itself, it was very powerful to see these people do this for such a great cause," said Halfyard. "Even though Rick Hansen himself could not be there, it's great to see people wanting to follow in his footsteps."

"It was exciting to see everyone be so interested and listening to the speakers," added Halfyard. "The feel of excitement was great, everyone was really happy, there was music going, kids dancing...it had a fun feel."



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Brandon Ross steals the show as the 25th anniversary Rick Hansen Relay makes its way through Didsbury.



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Elaine McCoy and Shelby Cummings share a hug before Shelby receive the medal to carry for the next leg.

Council urged to reconsider decision on heritage signage

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Town of Didsbury's heritage sign project met opposition with its design during a recent council meeting.

Resident Linda Plewis, who had taken to the streets to collect community feedback on the signs, presented her survey results to council.

The final design proposed, which was approved for purchase and installation, was an iron sign with directions and locations cut out, and the Town of Didsbury text logo.

Originally the image logo of the town was also going to be cast into the tops of the signs, but it has since been removed.

Plewis argued that the current design did not coincide with the "heritage" feel they were supposed to express, and that the majority of those she surveyed had agreed.

"There was an overwhelming response of 'no'," Plewis said. "It's industrial-looking, it does not feel historic."

Forty-nine out of 49 people Plewis surveyed had additional comments on the proposed signage, such as it being too large, too contemporary, and not a place for the town to be spending money.

"Many residents said 'stop spending, or have no new directional signs at this time,'" Plewis told council.

In addition to collecting feedback on the proposed signs, Plewis had shown

two other example designs to people to compare and contrast.

One sign was a small, single-point directional sign, which Plewis said most people seemed to like.

"The overwhelming response was that a small directional sign was best," said Plewis.

Coun. Ray Anderson, who had previously asked individuals in the community how they felt about the signage, had received only negative responses as well.

"After so many years [of working on this], you're never going to make everyone happy," said Anderson. "On the street, there were no positive comments."

At this time, council has not made any announcements to reconsider the signage project, and the

project's proposed three-year phase completion is still in effect.

Plewis said the next action, then, is to petition the town.

"Anyone coming in off the street are not going to get a historical feeling," said Plewis.

"It does not feel historic, and people like public input."

The signage project was a result of the First Impression Community Exchange program that Didsbury took part in with Cardston.

It was determined through the program that Didsbury did not have any heritage signage that could direct visitors to the community to important sites, such as the museum, library, hospital and more.

RCMP given priorities for 2012-2013 period

Visibility and reduction in domestic violence disputes a town recommendation

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Reducing car prowling, domestic violence and possession and distribution of illicit drugs in Didsbury are among the top priorities town council wants local RCMP to focus on this year.

The Town of Didsbury has now set its April 2012 to March 2013 priorities list for the Didsbury RCMP detachment after a request from RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson earlier this year.

Didsbury's priorities were listed as: the RCMP continuing to have a high visibility in town, a reduction in the number of car

prowling (thefts), continued emphasis on enforcement of possession and distribution of illicit drugs, co-operation with the Town of Didsbury Peace Officers in the enforcement of traffic laws, and a reduction in domestic violence disputes.

"For Didsbury, as well as Cremona, visibility is a big thing," said Jacobson. "And we want to be seen, out and about."

The last priority, the reduction in domestic violence disputes, Jacobson said is an "odd" one, mainly due to what is identified as "domestic violence" being changed to a broader definition only recently.

"For us, it's difficult to track," said Jacobson.

"There's a new way of identifying [domestic] violence. It includes verbal, custody and property disputes. It's not necessarily criminal all the time but is flagged as factors of friction."

These priorities will be among the many that other municipalities in the local detachment's area will be submitting, that the RCMP will use to create a region-wide plan.

"We develop a regional plan, consisting of dealing with and carrying out these priorities," said Jacobson. "We have a meeting, and consider our initiatives."

Didsbury RCMP are currently awaiting a priority list from Carstairs before preparing their regional plan.



It has been an exciting season so far for the Novice 2 team with them winning their pool of the home tournament in January. Since then they have finished third in their league and are in a best of three series with Vulcan. The past weekend was filled with parents and players on the edges of their seats with the series now tied one to one. They will now make their way back to Vulcan this coming weekend where they will battle to get into the next round. These Red Hot Ramblers are Wyatt Aarsby, Emily Biggin, Kylie Brander, Brooklyn Campbell, Chester Dodd, Natalie Heinz, Zack Miller, Reid Nichols, Emma Overwater, Jake Read, Parker Reese, Jesse Rylance, Eric Sloan, Will Sutherland, Issy Watson, Tjay Watson. The hard working coaching staff Darren Nichols, Ryan Sloan, Jeff Miller and managers Marsha Aarsby and Susan Read.

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Opinion

Infrastructure spending vital for Alberta's success



DAN SINGLETON

In a sure sign that the provincial election is right around the corner, the Redford government has announced plans to spend more than \$16 billion of taxpayers' money on infrastructure projects over the next three years.

Saying it's high time to loosen up the purse strings for the building of new schools and hospitals and repairing highways and roadways, the Tories are calling the new spending part of their 'strategic vision for the future' of Alberta.

"Infrastructure projects are investments in communities and families," said Premier Alison Redford. "Hundreds of projects underway across the province will provide more classrooms, improve access to health care, support community infrastructure and enhance our road network."

The new funding will go to a myriad of projects, including 28 health capital projects worth \$4 billion, and 56 school projects, including 15 new schools, and upgrades of more than 1,000 kilometres of highways.

The capital plan also includes \$5.6 billion combined support for municipal infrastructure over three years for the Municipal Sustainability Initiative and municipal transportation and water infrastructure grants.

While no one in West Central Alberta would argue with the need for the region's roads and highways and schools and hospitals to be adequately funded and maintained, the timing of the new funding announcement raises a few questions.

For one, why does it seem that every time an election rolls around the government announces major spending projects like this one? Can voters perhaps be excused for being a little cynical about the timing of such major funding announcements?

The opposition parties, of course, say the Tories' well-worn practice of opening up the purse strings just before elections is all about buying votes with public money, all about spending money now while leaving things underfunded in the off-election years.

On the other side, the government is, at least according to Premier Redford, only concerned with investing in "communities and families".

Putting the rhetoric aside for a moment, the fact is there is a real and growing need for upgrades to key infrastructure across the province, including in every town and county in West Central Alberta.

Whether it's much-needed changes to interchanges along the key QE II corridor, the need for new hospitals in many communities, or the importance of keeping highways up to standard so they can serve vital industries such as oil and gas and tourism, proper and adequate infrastructure funding is a must for Alberta's well-being.

If the province is to continue to grow and prosper in this post-recession economy, public spending on key infrastructure must continue, regardless of which party is in power following the upcoming 2012 provincial vote.



Letter to the Editor AESO responds to letter

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) wishes to correct inaccurate information included in a Letter to the Editor that ran in the Feb. 21, 2012 issue of the *Didsbury Review*.

The letter, submitted by Joe Anglin, Wildrose candidate in the Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre constituency, is riddled with errors and leaves readers with a complete misinterpretation of how Alberta's wholesale electricity market operates.

The AESO is a not-for-profit organization that acts in the public interest of Albertans and has no financial interest or investment of any kind in the power industry. We monitor the electricity grid 24 hours per day, seven days per week, working with transmission facility owners and power generation owners to ensure that at all times, reliable power is available to meet the needs of Albertans.

Wholesale electricity prices are determined hourly by the lowest price that delivers enough supply to meet the total demand for that hour. This hourly price is called the pool price, and this market structure is called a clearing price model. Contrary to Mr. Anglin's assertion, the market is "cleared" every minute of every day – the clearing of the

market happens when supply equals demand and a price is set. Generators of electricity offer their power into the AESO-operated market at their own chosen price from \$0 up to a ceiling of \$999.99 per megawatt hour (MWh).

These offers are sorted from the lowest to highest price for each hour of every day into a list called a merit order.

The AESO's system controllers use the merit order to balance electricity supply and demand, dispatching the lowest-priced supply offers and moving up to the highest priced offers until all electricity required for that hour is supplied. When demand is satisfied entirely by offers at \$0, the market clears at \$0, and that is indeed the price that anyone buying electricity on the wholesale market will pay for that hour, and it is indeed the price that generators receive for their output during that hour. Those generators will have offered at \$0 because they are willing to accept whatever price the market sets in order to continue running, possibly because they are supporting an industrial process that will freeze up if they shut down. This occurred six times in 2011.

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plans are in place and reserves are available to meet the electricity demands of Albertans. Likewise, when the amount of electricity supply available exceeds system demand, referred to as a supply surplus, the AESO must properly manage this situation to maintain system reliability and ensure there is no bias between fuel types. In other words, the AESO must have procedures to determine which of the generators who have offered at \$0 – remember that this indicates that it is very important to them to keep running no matter the price – we should turn down or off. This is because in electricity, which can't be stored, supply must always equal demand. These procedures do not change the fact that the price settles at \$0 in that hour.

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Mayor's Corner

Didsbury's wetlands award something to be proud of

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Industrial Storm Water Wetlands area and what it means for Didsbury.

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BRIAN WITTAL

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growing and thriving town that is looking to the future by using long-term sustainable and environmentally positive planning principles.

Add to this that over the past couple of years, Alberta Venture magazine voted Didsbury as one of the top 10 communities in Alberta to do business in (2009), and one of the top 10 Growth Communities in Alberta (2010), and you can start to see that Didsbury is destined to become a growth community along the QEII corridor because of our loca-

tion, history, overall appeal and our forward thinking and planning to help prepare Didsbury for the future.

Council and administration are very focused on and working constantly towards improving Didsbury's potential for the future using smart, sustainable and environmentally sound planning principles.

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Brian Wittal is the mayor of Didsbury.

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Golden Anniversary

(Clockwise from top left) Kobi Chant, Cassidy Daubney, Kelly DeLong, Danielle Howard, Eryn Krebs, Brielle Leaver, Rowan McCulloch, Naomi Rowe, Sydney Snyder and Jasmine St. Louis perform to "Hey Goldmember/Stayin Alive" during the carnival. Amanda Trotter performs a spiral in the catch-foot position during the Didsbury Figure Skating Club's skating carnival held at the Didsbury Memorial Arena last Sunday. Sydney Weber gives a solo performance during the carnival.

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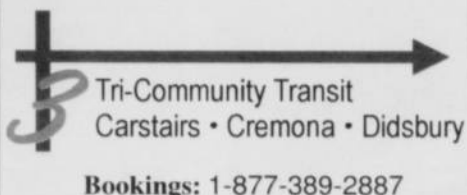
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Mountainview Colts want to go 'all the way' in playoffs

Team loses for first time after seven-game win streak in overtime

BY MADISON SAMUEL-
BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Mountainview Colts had their winning streak, coming out of their recent 4-1 series against the Red Deer Vipers, put on hold with an overtime loss against the Blackfalds Ford Wranglers on March 3 during the first game of their semifinal series.

The Colts put up a tough fight first, though, as the game went into overtime when the Colts came back with two goals in the third period to tie things up.

The Ford Wranglers

scored just over four minutes into the first overtime period, ending this game 5-4.

"The boys weren't very happy with losing," said Norma Dickau, equipment manager for the Colts and currently taking over for some managerial duties for head coach Don Edwards while he is away. "It was a really hard-fought game though. With the break they had, they hadn't been skating every day. They're not content though, they want to go all the way."

Dickau added that the Colts are still looking at an excellent playoff perform-

ance right now, having shot up from fifth place in their division to winning their first two series without a single loss.

"The boys are playing really disciplined hockey," said Dickau. "The stats are really digging down. There's a lot of hard work there."

A key to the Colts' game strategy during their first victorious series had been keeping out of the penalty box, and this tactic is still in play.

"They're going to keep doing what they're doing, it's gotten them this far," said Dickau on the Colts's

game strategy going forward.

The Colts have also received a helping hand from the community, added Dickau, noting that a "pile" of Didsbury supporters had come out to cheer on the Colts during their game in Blackfalds this past Saturday, and have been filling up the arena during home games as well.

"There's a lot of energy coming from the crowd," said Dickau.

"The boys look up and see the people in the stands roaring, it keeps them positive."

Didsbury out of the running for Kraft Hockeyville 2012

BY MADISON SAMUEL-
BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Top 15 Kraft Hockeyville 2012 communities were revealed on

CBC's *Hockey Night in Canada*, but Didsbury was not among them. The Town of Didsbury had been in the running to be named Kraft Hockeyville 2012 back in November,

but was not selected in the top 15 as of Jan. 31 to continue on to the top five.

Kraft Hockeyville's winning community will receive \$100,000 in arena upgrades, and will have

the opportunity to host a pre-season NHL game.

The four runners-up will receive \$25,000 in arena upgrades. Voting for the top five communities ends on March 6.






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Around Town

with the Didsbury Library

Wed. March 7

Noon hour, LunChat the Library. Donna Christensen will be talking about winter sowing – an economical and fun way to start your garden in the snow!

Sun. March 11

Rosebud Hall's Spring Ham Dinner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Didsbury and area residents are welcome to attend (one mile north of the four-way stop on 2A).

Wed. March 13

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Parkland's Literary Café: "What Should I Read to be a Better Writer?" with Kimmy Beach.

Sat. March 17

1 p.m. "Good Green Fun" @ your library – bring the family for stories and fun for St. Patrick's Day.

Sat. March 17

Movies @ your library. Double Feature. *Mary Poppins* at 2 p.m. *War Horse* at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation. Bring your own snacks.

Wed. March 21

2 to 3:30 p.m. "Who Picked This Book?" Club. March's book choice is *Phantom* by Susan Kay. Everyone welcome.

Sat. March 24

2 to 4 p.m. Book Launch! Meet local author Gladys Kruger with her just-published book *False Love, True Love*.

Sat. March 24

Military whist card party at 7 p.m. at the Masonic - Star Hall Didsbury ran by St. Hilda's Chapter No. 27 Order of the Eastern Star. All proceeds go to Didsbury high school scholarship fund. Door prizes, food hamper draws and lunch. Tickets five dollars. Call B. Due at (403) 335-3680.

Thurs. March 29

7 to 8 p.m. Blogging course at the Didsbury CES (Community Engagement Site in the high school). Share your stories, ideas or expertise online with ease.

Promote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@libsys.pri.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

RCMP received a report of damage to a vehicle, which occurred between 7 p.m. Feb. 26 and 11 a.m.

Feb. 27.

The vehicle, a Hummer, which had been parked at the 1600 block of 20th Avenue in Didsbury, had its windshield wipers snapped off.

RCMP say they are treat-

ing this as a deliberate act of mischief.

The back door window of the Didsbury Municipal Library was reported to have been smashed.

The damage was caused between 5:30 p.m. on Feb.

25 and 2 p.m. the following day, when the report was issued to RCMP.

Police say there was no indication of what caused the damage, and there was no indication of entry.

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DIDSBURY TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coutts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835.

BEAVERS TUES. - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 - has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP - for friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury, 403-335-9848, Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY - monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

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OLD TIME DANCE - Didsbury 5/0 Club last Friday of every month starting Oct. 28 7:30-9:30. Live music. Lunch to follow the dance. For info call 335-2861 or 335-0085.

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DIDSBURY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Fridays at 8:30 at the Know United Church, 1406-19 Ave. Suzanne 403-337-3033 or Jennifer 403-335-8388.

OUTLAWS 4-H HORSE CLUB is collecting used batteries. For info contact: 403-507-9242

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALIERS are back for another season. If you like to sing, join us Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the 5/0 Club.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER - Sat. March 3, 2012. Sports Complex- Multi-Purpose Room- 5:30. Cash Bar & Silent Auction Dinner 6:00pm. Call Shirley 403-335-3277.

DIDSBURY FIT FOR A CAUSE at Ross Ford Elementary School. Feb. 29th 7:00-8:00pm. Everyone Invited. Call Heather 403-559-8397.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT SENIORS SUPPORT SERVICES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thurs. March 1, 9:00 am -12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to sit on the board. Info 403-335-4391.

MILITARY WHIST CARD PARTY - St. Hilda Chap No. 27, O.E.S. Saturday March 24-7:00pm. Masonic-Star Hall, Didsbury. Proceeds D.H.S. Scholarship Fund. Tickets Call 403-335-3680.

ROSEBUD HALL SPRING HAM DINNER - All Didsbury and area residents are welcome to attend. (One mile north of the 4-way stop).

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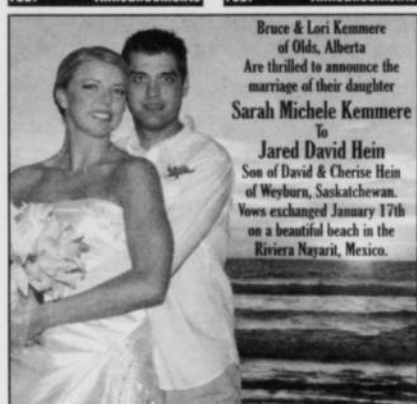
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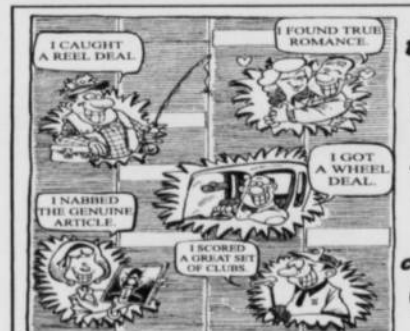
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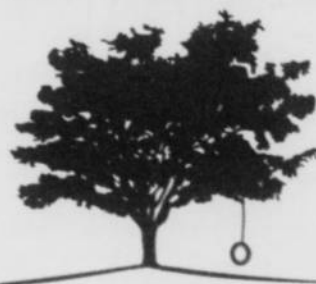
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